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4.1 Objectives

- 4.1.1 Understand and explain the importance of using original recordings for enhancement purposes.
- 4.1.2 Understand and explain first, second, etc. generation copies.
- 4.1.3 Understand and explain how magnetic tapes are degraded by repeated playback.
- 4.1.4 Understand and explain what authentication is.
- 4.1.5 Understand what the difference between falsification and alteration.
- 4.1.6 Understand and explain what is required when doing an authentication of video or audio tapes.
- 4.1.7 Understand and explain the four basic types of tampering (deletion, obscuration, transformation, synthesis).
- 4.1.8 Understand and explain the steps involved in conducting an authentication (aural/visual, physical, instrumental analysis).
- 4.1.9 Understand and explain the electromechanical indications of falsification of video/audio tapes (gaps, transients, fades, equipment sounds, and extraneous voices).
- 4.1.10 Understand and explain the physical indications of tampering (pry marks, welding, size, splicing to leader, additional splicing, and length of tape).
- 4.1.11 Understand and explain magnetic development of audio and video tape and how it can show signs of tampering.
- 4.1.12 Understand and explain how spectrum and waveform analysis can be used to indicate tampering.
- 4.1.13 Understand and explain assemble editing.
- 4.1.14 Understand and explain insert editing.
- 4.1.15 Understand and explain audio-dubbing.

4.2 Methods of Instruction

4.2.1 Lectures

- 4.2.1.1 How videos are produced
- 4.2.1.2 Types of videos

4.2.2 Literature Review

- 4.2.2.1 Inglis, Andrew F and Luther, Arch C. Video Engineering, 3rd edition, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1999.
- 4.2.2.2 Davies, Adrian and Fennessy, Phil. <u>Digital Imaging</u>, 4th edition, Focal Press, Oxford, 2001.
- 4.2.2.3 Blitzer, Herbert L and Jacobia, Jack. <u>Forensic Digital Imaging and Photography</u>, Academic Press, San Diego, 2002.
- 4.2.2.4 Equipment and Software Users Manuals

4.2.3 Training Programs

- 4.2.3.1 SignalScape Video and Audio -- Proficient operation of the software as it pertains to video and audio analysis.
- 4.2.3.2 DPS Video and Audio -- Proficient operation of the software as it pertains to video and audio analysis.

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- 4.2.4 Demonstration
 - 4.2.4.1 Basic authentication techniques will be observed from beginning to end and notes will be taken by the trainee
- 4.2.5 Laboratory Exercises
 - 4.2.5.1 Casework will be completed by trainee under supervision content and techniques used will be dependent on the cases submitted

4.3 Evaluation

- 4.3.1 Written examination
 - 4.3.1.1 Paper on how videos are made (concurrent assignment with video module)
 - 4.3.1.2 Techniques and terms to be defined
- 4.3.2 Laboratory testing
 - Trainee must complete at least 9 months of casework under direct supervision. This may include real and mock cases.
- 4.3.3 Oral exercises
 - Technical review sessions
- 4.3.4 Courtroom exercises
 - Trainee must be capable of answering questions such as would be expected in a courtroom scenario.

4.4 Examination Questions

- 4.4.1 What information/items are required in order to do an authentication of a video or audio tape?
- 4.4.2 What are some examples of recording conditions which need to be disclosed in order to perform an authentication evaluation?
- 4.4.3 What are the four basic types of tampering? Define each.
- 4.4.4 What are five electromechanical indications of falsification? Define each.
- 4.4.5 Describe the steps involved in conducting an authentication of a video or audio tape.
- 4.4.6 What are some physical signs of tampering?
- 4.4.7 What can magnetic development of audio and video tapes show in regards to tampering?
- 4.4.8 How can spectrum and waveform analysis be used to indicate tampering?
- 4.4.9 What is a waveform monitor?
- 4.4.10 What is a vector scope?
- 4.4.11 Why is an original necessary in order to authenticate a video/audio tape?
- 4.4.12 Can analysis done on original recordings damage the evidence?
- 4.4.13 What kind of authentication information can be obtained by analyzing a copy?
- 4.4.14 What questions can be answered by an authentication examination?
- 4.4.15 Define the following terms:

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- Original
- Second generation copy
- Authentication
- Falsification
- Alteration
- Assemble editing
- Insert editing
- Audio dubbing
- Linear editing
- Non-linear editing
- Flying erase head
- Hi-fi audio track
- Linear audio track

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